GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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CONSUMER INFORMATION CENTRE
JASWANT SINGH YADAV

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have issued any guidelines to the StateGovernments regarding setting up of Consumer Imformation Centres in every district of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTIRBUTION (SHRI V. SREE PRASAD)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Government have recently circulated guidelines with regard to a new Scheme for setting up of District Information Centre to all States/UTs. The Scheme envisages setting up of one such centre in each district of the country in five years in a phased manner covering 20% of the districts every year. The scheme is to be implemented with the help of Zilla Parishads and/or Voluntary Consumer Organisations (VCOs) of repute identified and recommended by the State Governments for the purpose.The Central Government would provide financial assistance ofRs.5 lakhs per centre over a period of three years afterwhich the Zilla Parishad/VCO concerned has to sustain the centre.The District Information Centre will disseminateinformation on all aspects of consumer protection and maintain data base on consumer related matters for the guidance of consumers.